

Midget Blocks—Block 153

Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of the blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block in the original quilt was constructed using a off-white solid, red print and red solid background fabric.

Missouri Star - 4 1/2"

In the antique quilt this block is the eleventh block from the left in the seventeenth row.

This block is easiest to construct using hand or machine piecing

The 1/4" seam allowance is NOT included on templates. Add your seam allowance when cutting your fabric.

Red print

- Cut four D
- Cut four E

Red solid




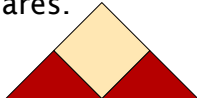
- Cut four A
- Cut eight B
- Cut four F
- Cut four G

Off-white solid

- Cut four A
- Cut four C
- Cut four D
- Cut four E

If you wanted to skip a step, you could sew together strips of the off-white and red print fabric and cut the D/E pieces as one unit using the F and G templates. They are the same size as the D and E pieces cut individually and sewn together. If you begin with strips 1" x 10" you should have enough to cut the four units..

Assembly

- Sew the off-white D pieces to the red print D pieces along the long edge forming an elongated diamond. 
- Sew the off-white E pieces to the red print E pieces along the long edge forming an elongated diamond. 
- Sew red solid A triangles to off-white A triangles along the long edge. 
- Sew a the short side of red B triangles to adjacent sides of off-white C squares. 



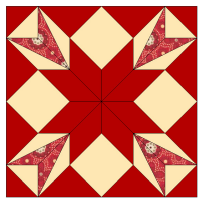
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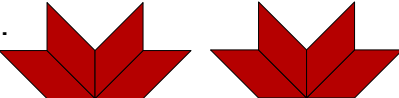


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- Sew the red solid F and G diamonds together in pairs. 

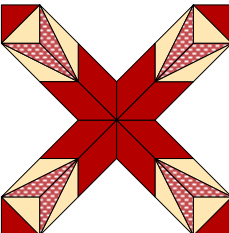
- Sew the pairs together in halves. 

- Sew the halves together forming the center of the block. 

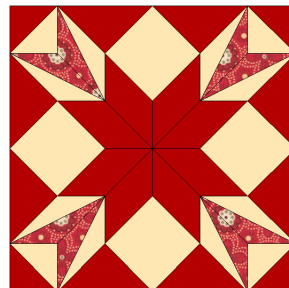
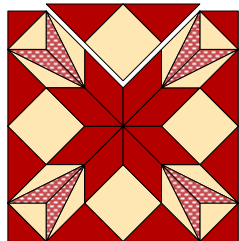
- Sew the off-white and red print D and E units together in pairs. 

- Sew a A half square triangle unit to each D/E unit. 

- Now it's time to bring the rest of the elements together to complete the block.

- Sew the A/D/E units in the ends of the four star points. 

- Sew the B/C triangles around the outside edge completing the block.



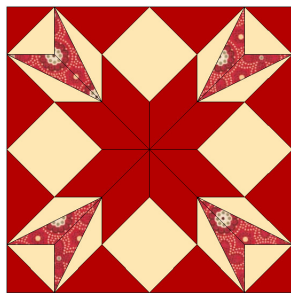
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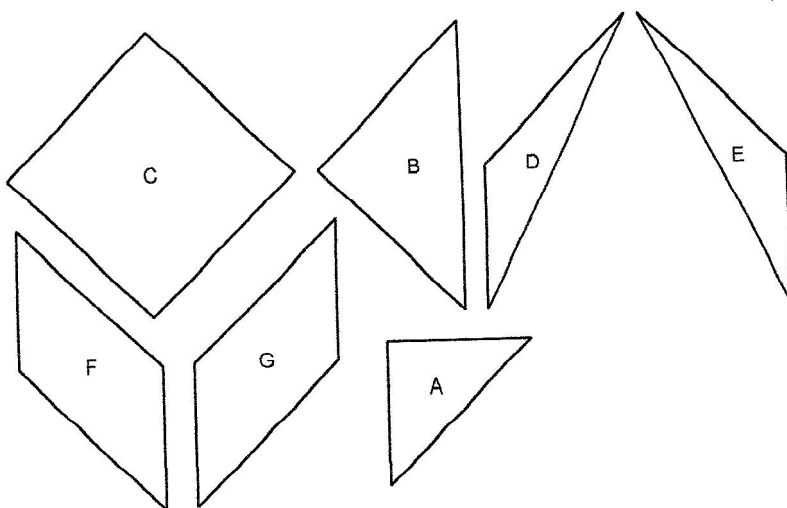
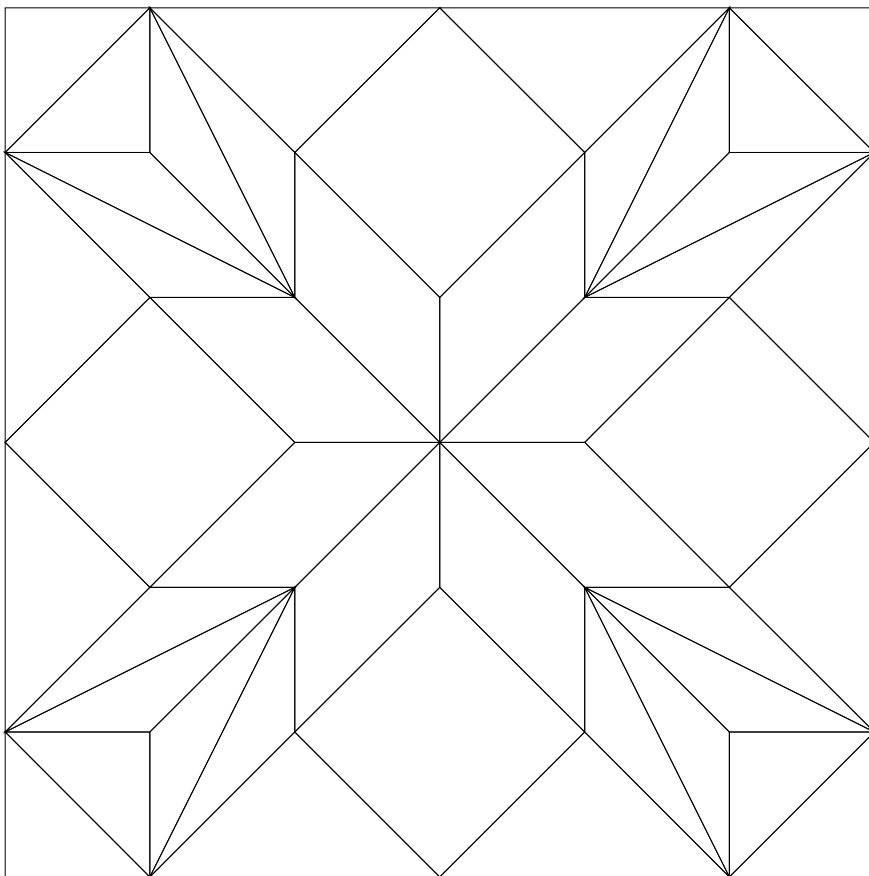
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Your unfinished block should measure 5"



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This line should
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